

TABLE 4

Index Numbers of Crop and Livestock Production in Ohio 1998-2001¹

Commodities	1998	1999	2000	2001
Feed grains	112	96	115	104
Food grains	116	113	125	94
Soybeans	139	117	134	135
Other field crops	67	63	52	47
Seed crops and hay	94	75	110	104
All vegetables	86	103	103	143
Fruit	67	78	82	86
Total crops	115	99	119	112
Livestock and Livestock Products				
Meat Animals	94	92	90	87
Poultry & Poultry Products	156	170	165	162
Milk	95	96	96	93
Wool	48	47	53	55
Total Livestock and Products	98	99	99	96
Total All Commodities	102	99	104	100

^{1/} Base year 1990-92=100

Ohio 2001 Crop Summary

The 2001 planting season was ahead of schedule compared to the five year average throughout April and May as days suitable for fieldwork were above the 1996-2000 average. April and May had precipitation above the five year average which aided in the crop progress. Precipitation during the growing season was above average for the state. Lower than normal rainfall in the North Central, Northeast, Central Hills, Northeast Hills, South Central, and Southeast districts was offset by higher than normal rainfall in the Northwest, West Central, Central and Southwest districts. Farmers completed harvest of most crops a week or more ahead of the five year average.

Planting progress for the 2001 **Winter Wheat** crop started off slightly above the five year average. Planting was completed nine days behind the five year average. The majority of the winter wheat was emerged by November 19, which was four days behind the 5-year average. Crop weather reporters rated much of the crop in fair to good condition throughout the entire season. Winter wheat development stages of jointed, headed, and turning color remained behind schedule throughout the growing season. Producers harvested 900,000 acres, 210,000 acres less than the previous year. Yield, at 67.0 bushels per acre, was down 5.0 bushels from 2000. Production was 60.3 million bushels, 25 percent below 2000 production.

Planting progress of the **Corn** crop started out above and stayed ahead of the five year average throughout the growing season. The emergence of the corn crop progressed rapidly due to good germination, adequate rainfall, and growing degree days and ended up 25 days ahead of the 1996-2000 average. Corn development stages of silked, in dough, dented, matured, and harvested were more advanced than the five year average throughout the growing season. Corn harvested for silage started around August 5 and finished around October 2, this was 11 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn growers harvested 3.17 million acres, down 130,000 acres from 2000. The average yield decreased 6 percent to 138 bushels per acre. Total corn produced for grain was 437.5 million bushels, down 47.6 million bushels from 2000.

Soybean planting began a few days ahead of the 1996-2000 average and ended five days ahead of the five year average. Emergence started out 11 days ahead of normal and ended 10 days ahead of the 1996-2000 average. Soybean harvest began one day ahead of the five year average and ended two days ahead of the five year average. Farmers harvested 4.58 million acres, up 140,000 acres from 2000. The average yield was 41.0 bushels per acre, down 2 percent from last year. Production rose 1.3 million bushels, or 1 percent from 2000 to 187.8 million bushels produced.

April and May had precipitation above the five year average, which along with warm days aided in the crop progress of Ohio's commodities. Harvesting of most crops was finished a week or more ahead of the five year average.

Oats planting began three days behind the five year average but ended eight days ahead of the average. All oats were emerged by May 20, which was well ahead of the five year average. Producers harvested 85,000 acres, 5,000 acres less than the previous year. Yield, at 73.0 bushels per acre was four percent below 2000. Total oat production was 6.21 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2000.

The 2001 **Hay** growing season was fair for producers. The majority of the hay was in the fair to good condition range. The first cutting of alfalfa and other hay started three days and two days, respectively, ahead of the five year average. The second cutting of alfalfa finished three days behind the five year average. Other hay's second cutting finished two days behind the 1996-2000 average. The alfalfa yield fell from 4.0 tons per acre in 2000 to 3.5 tons per acre in 2001. Alfalfa harvested acreage remained the same at 570,000 acres. The other hay yield fell from 2.70 tons per acre in 2000 to 2.40 tons per acre in 2001. Other hay harvested acreage increased 14 percent from the previous year to 950,000 acres. The total hay harvested acreage was up 9 percent to 1.52 million acres. The all hay yield fell 13 percent to 2.81 tons per acre.

Burley Tobacco production in 2001 fell 1.24 million pounds from 2000 due to lower acres. Acres harvested in 2001 at 6,100 acres decreased 19 percent from the 7,500 acres harvested in 2000. Yield per acre increased 200 lbs. from the 1,760 pounds per acre in 2000 to 1,960 pounds per acre in 2001. **Sugar beet** production fell 29 percent from the 2000 production to 12,000 tons. Acreage harvested at 600 acres decreased 200 acres from the 800 acres harvested in 2000. Yield at 20.0 tons per acre was down 5 percent from 2000. **Potato** production totaled 984,000 hundredweight, down 13 percent from 2000. Harvest acreage declined 100 acres to 4,100 acres. Yield per acre was 240 hundredweight, down 30 hundredweight from last year.

Production of **Fresh Market Vegetables** in Ohio during 2001 increased 18 percent from 2000 to 5.33 million hundredweight. Increases in production for cabbage, escarole/endive, onions, pumpkins, sweet corn, and tomatoes more than offset the decrease in production of bell peppers and squash. Total farm value for fresh market vegetables was \$134.7 million, up 47 percent from last year. The value of production for processing vegetables was \$26.2 million, \$5.6 million below 2000.

Processing Tomato production at 164,600 tons rose 4 percent above the 2000 production. Acreage harvested at 6,200 acres increased 15 percent from the 5,400 acres harvested in 2000. Yield at 26.55 tons per acre fell 10 percent from the 2000 yield.

Processing cucumber production increased to 29,400 tons, 28 percent above 2000. Acres harvested at 2,700 acres, rose 200 acres from last year. Yield rose to 10.89 tons per acre.

Strawberry production at 46,000 cwt. was up 5 percent from last year. This increase in production resulted from an increase in yield of 2 cwt. per acre for a yield of 46 hundredweight. Bearing acres, estimated at 1,000 acres, remained unchanged from last year.

Utilized **Apple** production at 100.0 million pounds was up from last year's production of 96.0 million pounds. Ohio's **Peach** production increased to 11.0 million pounds.

Grape production totaled 6,000 tons in 2001, 1,700 tons below a year ago. Yield at 3.00 tons per acre dropped 22 percent below the 2000 yield.